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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Kenichi Kihara et al.

Application No.: 10/826,476

Filed: April 16, 2004

For: Control System and Method for
Management Items

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 1514

Examiner: unassigned

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2171

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
SUBMITTED WITH PETITION TO
MAKE SPECIAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In connection with the Petition to Make Special submitted herewith, please enter
the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this
paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.